

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **March 26, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 1

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **Work Session**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Update On Progress Of Adelphia CATV Franchise Renewal**

RECOMMENDATION: None. This item is for City Council's information only.

SUMMARY: Adelphia's franchise for providing cable television (CATV) service in Lynchburg expires in March, 2003. They have requested a renewal of their franchise, using the "informal" process as described by the Federal Communications Commission. Activities leading up to negotiations have been in progress for over 18 months, with actual negotiations expected to start by the summer of this year. A summary of the renewal process schedule is attached.

PRIOR ACTION(S): N/A.

BUDGET IMPACT: None.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Franchise renewal timeline

REVIEWED BY:

## ADELPHIA CABLE TV FRANCHISE RENEWAL TIMELINE

Revised 3/11/2002

	Scheduled Completion Dates		
Milestone	Original	Revised	Actual
Review of current franchise documents	July, 2000		August, 2000
Conduct focus groups with City staff, Schools staff, and community and business groups	November, 2000		November, 2000
Conduct focus groups with citizens	April, 2001		April, 2001
Written report of technical evaluation of CATV system	January, 2001		January, 2002
Written report of financial evaluation of Adelphia	June, 2001	March, 2002	
Adopt revised CATV ordinance	December, 2001	June, 2002	
Complete the draft of proposed franchise agreement	November, 2001	May, 2002	
Complete City review of proposed franchise agreement	December, 2001	June, 2002	
Begin negotiations with Adelphia	March, 2002	July, 2002	
Complete negotiations with Adelphia	October, 2002	December, 2002	
Adopt new franchise; Current franchise expires March, 2003	November, 2002	January, 2003	